sioal and financial targets. These measures adopted by the Government have helped in effective implementation of these programmes.

Conference for agriculture and rural development activities

502. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the *PRIME* MINISTER be pleasrd to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have recently organised some round table conference to evolve and action-frame for corporate entities to get involved in the agriculture and rural development activities;

(b) if so, the details .thereof with objectives behind it;

(c) whether the activities as in fa) above will boost scope of rural employment;

(d) if is, the details thereof with steps to be taken in this regard and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development is not aware of organising of such a conference recently by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commenrce and Industry. Nor has the Ministry received any such proposal from the federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Allocation of funds for J.R.Y.

503 SHRI RAHA SBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRME MINISER be pleased to state;

(a) the amount allocated to different stapes for implementing Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during the last three years;

(b) whether there ia a need to enhance the allocation under the Scheme to back ward States like Orissa, Bihar and Ma dhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction during 1994-937

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The Statewise funds released under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during the last three years is given in enclosed Satement. (See[1] below).

(b) Government recognises the special problems in relatively backward states,

(c) To ,-srovide additional employment opportunities in the backward States like Orissa, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, the JRY was intensified in 120 backward districts of the country where there is concentration of unemployment and un-der-employment and hence the need for intensifying[1] efforts on rural employment. Accordingly, on allocation of Rs. 878.20 crores was made during 1993-94 (including the States' Matching Share) for intensifying JRY in these backward distriets An eqial amouny has been allocated for the year 1994-95 also in addition the i- normal JRY has also been significan'ly enhanced every successive year.

Further. an Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS1 has also been introduced w.ef. 2-10-1993 in 1778 backard blocks of the country where Revamned Public Distribution System (RPDS) is in operation. This scheme aims at providing 100 days of assured emplovment to f to all those who are above 18 years and below 60 yean of age-, in rural areas, who are in need of employment and seeking it.